



AN ACT PROHIBITING A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY FROM REFUSING OR CONDITIONING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE IF A PERSON REFUSES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO FIREARM OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, OR USE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1. Privacy in health care -- ownership of firearms.** (1) No health care provider or health care facility may:

- (a) refuse to provide health care to a person because the person declines to answer any questions concerning the person's ownership, possession, or use of firearms; or
- (b) inquire about a person's ownership, possession, or use of firearms as a condition of receiving health care.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

- (a) the terms "health care", "health care facility", and "health care provider" have the meanings provided in 50-16-504; and
- (b) the term "possession" does not apply to the presence of a firearm on the person of a patient at the time of treatment.

**Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50, chapter 16, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 16, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0459, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

HOUSE BILL NO. 459

INTRODUCED BY K. KERNS

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